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SUBJECT: CCD: INFORMAL MEETING ON PROGRAM OF WORK, JULY 6, 1977

1. SUMMARY: AT CCD'S JULY 6 INFORMAL MEETING ON ITS PROGRAM OF WORK, REPS OF MEXICO (SPEAKING FOR NON-ALIGNED GROUP), NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, ITALY, AND CANADA CALLED FOR CREATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO CONDUCT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB AND CW. SEVERAL REPS MADE COMMENTS IN REGARD TO WHETHER SUMMER SESSION SHOULD TERMINATE AT END OF AUGUST OR GO THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8 AS TENTATIVELY PROPOSED BY CO-CHAIRMEN.

2. AT CCD'S JULY 6 INFORMAL MEETING ON ITS PROGRAM OF WORK, MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF 15 COUNTRIES, CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS TO CONDUCT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW). REPS OF NETHERLANDS (VAN DER KLAAUW), SWEDEN (THORSSON), ITALY (DI BERNARDO), AND CANADA (JAY) ALSO FAVORED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS, CITING THE NEED FOR CCD TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO

BE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT CTB AND CW TREATY TEXTS BEFORE THE UNGA'S SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), SCHEDULED FOR MAY-JUNE 1978. REPS OF US (FISHER) AND USSR (LIKHACHEV) INDICATED THAT IN THE NEXT INFORMAL MEETING THEY WILL STATE THEIR VIES ON THE QUESTION OF CREATING NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUPS.

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3. GARCIA-ROBLES, AGAIN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF FIFTEEN, PROPOSED HOLDING INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CCD PROCEDURES DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22 AND SUGGESTED ENDING CCD'S SUMMER SESSION ON AUGUST 30. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE CONFLICT WITH THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, HE SAID, AND WOULD BE IN THE SPIRIT OF CCD'S DECISION OF APRIL 10, 1975, WHEREBY ITS SUMMER SESSION WOULD NORMALLY CLOSE AT THE END OF AUGUST. HOWEVER, NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER LKAAUW) SAID THAT HE FIRMLY ACCEPTED THE SEPTEMBER 8 CLOSING DATE PROPOSED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR), AND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PLAN HOW TO FILL THE SUMMER SESSION WITH USEFUL WORK RATHER THAN HOW TO CURTAIL IT. USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) INDICATED FLEXIBILITY ON THE QUESTION OF CCD'S CLOSING DATE, BUT REMARKED THAT SHORTENING THE SESSION SEEMS TO CONFLICT WITH THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES FOR THE SESSION TO BE PRODUCTIVE. US REP (FISHER) ALSO INDICATED AN OPEN MIND ON CCD'S CLOSING DATE, BUT SAID IT IS NECESSARY TO LEAVE ROOM FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CW.

4. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON CCD'S WORK PROGRAM WAS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M., FRIDAY, JULY 8. SORENSON

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